GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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CONDITIONAL ACCESS SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is not convinced of the merits extending the Conditional Access System (CAS) from South Delhi, South Mimbai and South Kolkata to rest of the cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has asked the Governments of West Bengal, Maharashtra and Delhi to submit a status report in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government proposes to extend it to the rest of India; and

(f) if so, the details thereof alongwith the time by when the CAS is likely to be extended in the rest of the parts of the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. DASMUNSI)

(a) to (d): Conditional Access System (CAS) has already been rolled out successfully in parts of these three metros under a mandatory regulatory framework. The State Governments have been requested to get a quick market survey done of the subscriber satisfaction and other issues to get first hand opinion from the field which will enable the States and the Centre to advise the future course of action and incorporate corrective action required, if any, before going for further extension of CAS.

(e) & (f): The Central Government prefers to take a decision regarding the rolling out of CAS on the basis of the independent conclusions of the State Governments as to whether they want to extend it further as it is or whether they want any modifications for the same.